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THIS MESSAGE MUST BE ON MR LUERS DESK BY 9 A.M. FEB 21

PASS TO DEFENSE AND NSC

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CANALNEGS, PN

SUBJECT: MESSAGE #1 TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

I THIS IS MESSAGE NUMBER 1 FROM THE US DELEGATION CONCERNING
THE FEBRUARY 1977 ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH PANAMA

II PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS

1. AS OF NOON FEBRUARY 20, THE DELEGATION HAS HAD
FOUR FORMAL SESSIONS WITH PANAMANIAN REPRESENTATIVES. IN
ADDITION THE CO-NEGOTIATORS HAVE HAD THREE PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH
THEIR COUNTERPARTS AND OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS HAVE HAD SEVERAL
TECHNICAL LEVEL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING SPECIFIC NEGOTIATING
ISSUES. WE EXPECT THAT THIS PATTERN OF EXPLORATORY MEETINGS
WILL CONTINUE FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS WITHOUT INTERRUPTION FOR
PANAMANIAN HOLIDAYS.

2. SHOULD THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE OR THE WHITE
HOUSE REQUIRE GUIDANCE FOR SPOKESMEN, THEY MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON
THE FOLLOWING: QUOTE, THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE TALKS HAS BEEN
POSITIVE AND BUSINESS-LIKE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE MEETINGS

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WILL CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL MORE DAYS. THE PANAMANIAN HOLIDAYS
HAVE NOT INTERRUPTED THE TALKS. END QUOTE.

3. US CO-NEGOTIATORS WENT TO PANAMA CITY 2/17 TO BRIEF CODEL
SLACK AND MEET WITH PRC PRINCIPALS. BOTH SESSIONS WERE
CONSTRUCTIVE. MEETING WITH THE PRC FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON THE
EMPLOYEE ISSUE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOVERNOR PARFITT WILL BE IN

WASHINGTON THE WEEK OF 2/21 TO DISCUSS EMPLOYEE MATTERS WITH
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICIALS.

III ACTION ITEMS

1. DELEGATION APPRECIATES RECEIVING CANALNEGS MESSAGES 1-5.
2. HOFFMAN LETTER. CONCUR IN TEXT, BUT SUGGEST SUBSTITUTION
OF PHRASE "EMPLOYEES OF CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT AND PANAMA
CANAL COMPANY" INSTEAD OF "LOCAL RESIDENTS" IN PARAGRAPH 2.
3. UN WATER CONFERENCE. NEGOTIATORS MAY MENTION SUBJECT TO
PANAMANIAN REPS DURING THIS SESSION IF APPROPRIATE OCCASION
ARISES. WILL REPORT IF APPROACH MADE. IN ABSENCE OF SUCH OP-
PORTUNITY, BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD RAISE MATTER WITH FOREIGN
MINISTRY.
4. MILITARY EXERCISE BIFF FURY I. APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO
COMMENT, AND AGREE THAT BEST TIME FOR ANALYSIS WOULD BE FOLLOWING
CURRENT ROUND. OUR PRESENT INCLINATION, HOWEVER, IS NOT TO GET
INTO POSITION OF POSTPONING OR CANCELLING REGULARLY SCHEDULED
EXERCISES SIMPLY BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE NEGOTIATING ROUND DURING
THAT PERIOD.
5. RE NADEAU MEMO OF 2/11 TO BELL. BILATERAL MATTERS REFERRED
TO THERIN ARE BEING ADDRESSED.
6. BRIEFING FOR HOUSE FRESHMEN 2/24. EITHER AMBASSADOR BUNKER OR
AMBASSADOR LINOWITZ AND POSSIBLY THE DEPUTY NEGOTIATORS,

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WILL PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SESSION PROVIDED THAT THEIR
RETURN TO WASHINGTON PERMITS. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF
DELEGATIONS'S TRAVEL PLANS.
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